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REMARKS

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1. Previous statements [redacted] on Soviet military rail shipments on the Przemysl (S 50/V 55)-Krakow (Q 51/L 24)-Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) line were confirmed [redacted]

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the railroadmen had been surprised at the rapid sequence of trains and at the fact that the tanks and other materiel had not been covered with canvas, indicating that the materiel had been loaded with great speed. *

2. [redacted] some trains with Soviet troops and materiel arrived in Liegnitz in September 1950. No details on the subsequent movements of the troops in the Liegnitz area could be learned. **

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3. The Polish troops who had been transferred to the Lublin (S 52/R 13)-Zamosc (R 51/S 52) area in September 1950 were infantry and artillery units. The troops had boarded trains at the railroad stations of Minsk Maz (R 53/L 38), Garwolin (R 52/L 45), and other stations. Troops who had been loaded in the Warsaw area [redacted] were going to fight partisans. ***

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Comment.

[redacted] Soviet troop trains went to the Liegnitz area in September 1950.

The present report nevertheless increases the probability that Soviet troops were actually transported by rail in September 1950.

- ** [redacted] Comment. The information also supports the assumption that the troop trains carried Soviet troops and materiel for the units stationed in Silesia, primarily those in the Liegnitz area, or may have transported new units being transferred from the U.S.S.R. to Silesia.

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- *** [redacted] Comment. Having been loaded in Warsaw, Minsk Maz, and Garwolin, the troops may have belonged to the 1st Inf Div.

[redacted] only KBT (Corps of Internal Security) units were employed in fighting partisans in Poland. It seems doubtful that Polish Army units should have been also engaged in anti-partisan operations.

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